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- [¶1.](#) SUMMARY: In the run-up to the September 19 Swazi parliamentary elections, local NGO, civic and faith based organizations and trade unions h
[¶2.](#) The EBC has been plagued by legal challenges since its inception in March 2008. On April 9 the National Constitutional Assembly (NCA), an e
[¶3.](#) The Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland (GKOS) and the EBC are facing three election related cases in the Swazi High Court. In April, th